

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Read on 28 December 2006 who also authorized any additional fees to be charged to deposit account number 13-2855.

1. Claims 26-30 were deleted.
2. In claim 17, lines 2 and 3 thereof, ", preferably a chlorine atom or NH₂ group and more preferably by a chlorine atom" was deleted.
3. In claim 18, line 2 thereof, ", preferably a chlorine atom" was deleted.
4. In claim 19, lines 2 and 3 thereof, ", said catalyst preferably being copper iodide" was deleted.
5. In claim 20, line 2 thereof, ", preferably 28%" was deleted.
6. In claim 21, line 4 thereof, "and preferably from 100 to 120°C," was deleted.
7. In claim 21, ^{lines 9 and 10} ~~lines 8 and 9~~ thereof, ", in particular with ethylbenzoate, ethyl acetate, isopropyl acetate or n-butyl acetate" was deleted.
8. In claim 22, line 3 thereof, "in the presence of hydrochloric acid or of sulfuric acid was deleted.
9. In claim 22, line 4 thereof, "and preferably from 100 to 120°C," was deleted.
10. In claim 22, line 5 thereof, "step b) of " was deleted and -- the -- inserted in lieu thereof.
11. In claim 22, line 6 thereof, "preferably at a concentration of 37%," was deleted.
12. In claim 22, lines 10 and 11 thereof, ", in particular with ethyl benzoate, ethyl acetate, isopropyl acetate or n-butyl acetate" was deleted.

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